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In re application of: : Balasubrahmanyam Gattu, et al  
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For : OBJECT CONDUIT MIB FOR COMMUNICATING OVER  
SNMP BETWEEN DISTRIBUTED OBJECTS  
Group No. : 2141  
Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend it as follows: